

NEOCLYSTOPSENELLA (BETHYLIDAE)
A SYNONYM OF *TAPINOMA* (FORMICIDAE)

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I followed up Dr. Karl Krombein's suggestion that Kurian's species *Neoclystopsenella luffae* might be an ant, and not a bethylid as originally described. The type place of deposit is unknown, but a reading of the original paper convinces me that the description, although vague and incomplete, fits well the current concept of male *Tapinoma* in the subfamily Dolichoderinae. The specific identity of *Tapinoma luffae* NEW COMBINATION remains obscure, but judging from the small size given, "2.4 mm," and the wing venation as figured by Kurian, it may be close to or the same as *T. melanocephalum* or one of its relatives in "subgenus *Micromyrma*."

Tapinoma

Tapinoma Foerster, 1850: 43, worker, queen (not male). Type: *Tapinoma collina* Foerster = *Tapinoma erraticum*, monobasic.

Neoclystopsenella Kurian 1955: 133, male. Type: *Neoclystopsenella luffae* Kurian, by original designation, monobasic (described in Bethylidae). New synonym.

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